

Ps.51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Intro. In many respects the world is getting better, nevertheless, ~~the~~ world is facing a crisis.

Reactions from the war are playing great havoc.

Crime on the increase everywhere.

The breaking down of old customs and habits.

The throwing off of old beliefs.

The spirit of lawlessness is deadening the individuals sense of right and wrong.

Discipline is no longer enforced in the home.

Testimony of former prison official.

Home-training in morals and religion has weakened.

Typical examples as results.

1. As many divorces as marriages.

2. The Leland type.

The uneducated, know-it-all, hard working fellow. Self-centered. No sense of obligation to his home.

3. The Emma Post type.

It seems as tho the type of pure, reliable, trustworthy young men and young women is dwindling. At least such are so mixed with the other kind that it behooves us to ever be on our guard.

The text- read.

Cleanliness means much more today than it once did. Today we must be sanitarily clean. It has to do with our very health and safety.

The Bible has always taught the sanitation of the heart and mind and soul. All the modern sanitation in the world- the ~~cleaning of our streets~~ proper cleaning of our water sources, our food supplies and our dwelling places and public buildings will be of no avail if we neglect the sanitation of our minds and hearts and souls.

Sanitation must be along spiritual and moral lines as well as along the physical lines if we would reduce sickness and disease and its consequent suffering and misery.

Let me give you a simple test by which you can determine your own personal condition.

As scoutmaster I use to see to it that the scouts learned how to ~~b~~x the compas. Name the points.

1 The use of the compas on the seas during storm and night times, when all other sense of direction is lost.

A. The ~~c~~mpas always points to the North.

If the pointer veered the slightest from its one direction of North, it would not be reliable. If it pointed North one minute, and then turned to the South for a minute, or to th West or East, it would be utterly worthless to the marineer.

Does your conscience always point you to the Right, to the Fair and Square, to the pure and upright? The influence of other objects upon the magnetic needle of the compas. In the same way, one can allow other influences to swerve conscience aside from its true sense of right and wrong, until conscience is no longer reliable.

B. There is ~~th~~at invisible force which always keeps the magnetic needle pointing to the North.

The individual can have within himself that invisible force which will always keep his conscience pointing in the direction of right and truth.

The Spirit of God. The Presence of Christ.

Paul - "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth within me."